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FOR DEPT. OF COMMERCE-ATTN: JEAN NELSON, SAPB/PPD

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND GOB PURCHASE OF US COMPUTERS

1. SUMMARY: GOB AND ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL ARE CURRENTLY
DISCUSSING POSSIBLE GOB PURCHASE OF THREE ROCKWELL
"ECLIPSE 300" FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS. UNDER
CURRENT PROCEDURES THE DEPT. IS TO GIVE THE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE ITS RECOMMENDATION ON ISSUANCE OF THE REQUIRED
EXPORT LICENSE. IN PRACTICE THIS RECOMMENDATION IS CONTROL-
LING WHERE HUMANRIGHTS QUESTIONS ARE INVOLVED.
EMBASSY COMMENTSONPROBABLEAND POTENTIALGOB USE OF THESE
SYSTEMS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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2. THE COMPUTER SYSTEMS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR PURCHASE
BY THE SAO PAULO SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, THE BAHIA
STATE POLICE, AND THE BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE.

3. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE, EACH OF THESE
ROCKWELL SALES WOULD CONSIST OF A FINGERPRINT

IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM WITH SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE, TERMINAL, PROCESSORS, READERS, AND MASS MEMORY. THE STATED END-USE FOR THE SYSTEM WILL BE FOR "CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION BY MEANS OF ELECTRONIC READING, CLASSIFICATION AND MATCHING FINGERPRINTS." RETRIEVAL AND IDENTIFICATION OF FINGERPRINTS USING THIS SYSTEM TAKES ONLY MINUTES. THE COMPUTER THEN PRODUCES LISTS OF THE TEN MOST PROBABLE "SUSPECTS" IN ORDER OF THEIR PROBABILITY AND CAN DO SO WITH EVEN POOR ORIGINAL FINGERPRINTS. IT'S PRIMARY ADVANTAGE THEREFORE IS SPEED AND ACCURACY. THIS SYSTEM, APPARENTLY, WILL BE A HIGHLY ADVANCED ONE FOR BRAZIL.

4. ONE EXPORT LICENSE HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED FOR BAHIA STATE. (PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCEDURE FOR STATE CLEARANCE -- IF A POLICY DECISION AGAINST THIS TYPE OF EXPORT TO BRAZIL IS MADE, THE DEPT. WILL DISCUSS WITH THE DEPT. OF COMMERCE THE POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF THE ISSUED LICENSE.) REPRESENTATIVES FROM BAHIA WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ON JUNE 22 AND HAVE AN APPOINTMENT TO INSPECT THE FBI'S ROCKWELL SYSTEM. WE PRESUME THIS INSPECTION IS IN ORDER TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION BEFORE ACTUAL PURCHASE OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR US \$4,800,000.00. THE OFFICIALS INVOLVED ARE MAJOR JOSE OLIVEIRA, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, BAHIA STATE, DR. ORLANDO DE SILVA, DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE OF IDENTIFICATION FOR PADRO MELLO UNIVERSITY, AND DR. PAULO TAVARES, PRESIDENT OF PRODEB. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WHAT PRODEB IS; ANY INFORMATION THE EMBASSY HAS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CONFIDENTIAL

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5. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THIS SOPHISTICATED IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM CAN HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS/POLITICAL LIBERTIES IN A RECIPIENT COUNTRY. THE DEPT. IS INTERESTED IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS REGARDING THE PROBABLE USES OF THIS ROCKWELL SYSTEM FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND IDENTIFICATION. ANY BACKGROUND THE EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON THE BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES RATIONAL AND MOTIVES IN CONSIDERING THE RELATIVELY LARGE INVESTMENT FOR THIS SYSTEM WOULD BE APPRECIATED. TO WHAT DEGREE IS THIS TIED TO THE NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD SYSTEM? DOES BRAZIL UTILIZE ANY OTHER COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR INTELLIGENCE GATHERING, INVESTIGATIVE, AND/OR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES? EMBASSY VIEWS ON PROBABLE REACTION OF GOB TO REFUSAL/ CANCELLATION OF THESE EXPORT LICENSES WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL FOR THOROUGH CONSIDERATION OF THE CASE.

7. REQUEST REPLY SOONEST AS BAHIA GROUP WILL BE HERE JUNE 22. VANCE

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